

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO SERIES

NOTICE 01-11

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RE: CY/PY 2002 CHILD
CARE, PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE FRAUD,
MEDICAID
TRANSPORTATION, AND
FUNERAL/CEMETERY
ALLOCATION
INFORMATION -
PRELIMINARY NOTICE

To: County Department of Human Services Directors
County Department of Social Services Directors
County Economic Support Managers/Supervisors
Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators
Tribal Economic Support Directors

From: Eric Baker /s/
Administrator
Division of Workforce Solutions

PURPOSE

This memo provides notice of preliminary funding information of the Child Care Administration and Operations, Child Care – Safe Child Initiative, Public Assistance Fraud Program – Program Integrity, Public Assistance Fraud – Investigation, Medicaid Transportation, W-2 Funeral/Cemetery, and Non W-2 Funeral/Cemetery for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002 (Calendar Year (CY) 2002) for counties and October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002 (Program Year (PY) 2002) for the tribes. This preliminary notice is being shared at this time to facilitate budget planning. These preliminary allocations may change based on enactment of additional state or federal legislation. Preliminary funding information of the base Income Maintenance Administrative Allocation (IMAA) for Income Maintenance (IM) Programs will be issued in a separate Administrator's Memo.

[Attached are the individual county and tribal preliminary allocations for the programs](#) listed below. Allocation formulas employed are similar to past contract periods, unless otherwise indicated.

I. Child Care Administration and Operations – Attachment, Column A

Child Care Administration and Operations funding was determined by using May 2000 through April 2001 Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support (CARES) benefit data, and CY/PY 2000 Community Aids Reporting System (CARS) benefit data, both available as of May 15, 2001. Wisconsin Statutes section 49.155(3m) establishes the amount of administration and operations funding at five (5) percent of benefit expenditures for the current year (CY/PY2002), five (5) percent of benefit expenditures during the immediately preceding year (CY/PY 2001), or \$20,000, whichever is greater. Before preparing final contracts, allocations will be recalculated using a combination of 2000 data and available 2001 CARES and CARS data to determine the initial contract levels for 2002. The amount shown on the attached chart is for budget planning purposes. Funding is contract controlled. Pre-payments will be issued.

Child Care benefits are almost all paid directly by CARES. Agencies will have the ability in certain limited situations to pay child care benefits and be reimbursed by CARS for those cases that cannot be processed on CARES.

II. Child Care – Safe Child Initiative – Attachment, Column B

Proposed funds are provided to continue this initiative during 2002. Preliminary allocations are based on certified caregiver counts supplied to the Office of Child Care with minimum funding of \$2,250. Funding is contract controlled. Pre-payments will be issued.

III. Public Assistance Fraud Program – Program Integrity – Attachment, Column C

The attached IM Public Assistance Fraud Elimination Program funding allocation is intended to address program integrity for the Food Stamp Program and Medicaid IM cases. While the funding is not individually identified in the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Contract, the responsibility for Program Integrity activities for W-2 is a W-2 agency responsibility. A minimum funding level of \$5,000 has been introduced.

IV. Public Assistance Fraud Program – Investigation – Attachment, Column D

Funding is budgeted to address investigation costs on a pay for performance basis. The amounts will be included in the Administration of Income Maintenance (IM) Programs Contract for those counties and tribes that elect to provide Fraud Investigation Services. Case investigation referrals will go to the agency within the county or tribe authorized to conduct investigations by the Tribal Board Chairperson, County Board Chairperson or the County Executive, or referrals will be made to the agency subcontracting with the county/tribe to provide Fraud Investigation Services. Both the IM Agency and the W-2 Agency will be able to access investigation services through the office/agency that exercised the Right of First Refusal for providing investigation services.

The allocation in Column D is available to the agencies indicated as long as they administer the fraud investigation program. If an agency does not administer the program, the identified allocation will be available to the service provider in that

geographic area, that is selected by the Department through the competitive bidding process. An update will be provided when the list of service providers is available for CY/PY 2002.

For geographic areas where the county or tribe does not elect to provide Fraud Investigation Services, funding is budgeted and accessible under a separate contract with the statewide vendor providing Fraud Investigation Services. Both the IM Agency and the W-2 Agency will be able to access investigation services under this RFP.

V. Medicaid Transportation

Medicaid Transportation allowable expenses are fully reimbursable. An estimated contract level based on prior spending will be loaded for counties for CY 2002 and tribes for PY 2002, for determining pre-payment levels. Agencies that reported little or no expenses for CY/PY 2000 and CY/PY 2001 under the IM Contract will receive a minimum allocation of \$500. Pre-payments will be issued.

VI. W-2 Funeral/Cemetery

W-2 Funeral/Cemetery allowable expenses are fully reimbursable from TANF funding. The W-2 agency refers cases to the IM agency. An estimated contract level based on prior spending will be loaded for counties for CY 2002 and tribes for PY 2002 for determining pre-payment levels. Pre-payments will be issued.

VII. Non W-2 Funeral/Cemetery

Non W-2 (FS and Medicaid Only) Funeral and Cemetery allowable expenses are fully reimbursable from state General Purpose Revenues (GPR). An estimated contract level based on prior spending will be loaded for counties for CY 2002 and tribes for PY 2002, for determining pre-payment levels. Pre-payments will be issued.

REGIONAL OFFICE CONTACT: Area Administrator (Department's Contract Manager)

Attachments

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